

HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ASHLEY E. GARDNER,
Plaintiff,

v.

JENNIE CLARK, et al.,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-cv-01589-RAJ


ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the Stipulated Motion to Continue Trial and Case Schedule Deadlines. Dkt. # 46. For the reasons set forth below, the Court finds good cause to **GRANT** this motion in part and continue the trial to April 2025.

1 Plaintiff filed this lawsuit in August 2022, and trial is set to begin on January 21,
2 2025. *See* Dkt. # 1-2; Dkt. # 39. On September 6, 2024, the parties filed a third request
3 for a continuance in this case. Dkt. # 44. The Court denied the parties' request for a 120-
4 day continuance because the motion only vaguely mentioned Plaintiff's medical issues and
5 potential for mediation. Dkt. # 45. On November 18, 2024, the parties moved for a
6 continuance again, asking for a trial date in September or October 2025. Dkt. # 46. Along
7 with the motion, the parties submitted a detailed declaration about the Plaintiff's medical
8 condition and procedures that impacted the ability to prepare for trial. Dkt. # 46-1. Given
9 the Plaintiff's medical issues and ongoing medical treatment, the Court finds that good
10 cause exists to grant the motion and continue the trial to April 2025.

11 Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** in part the parties' stipulated motion. Dkt. # 46.
12 The Court will continue the trial date to April 2025. The Court directs the clerk to enter a
13 new case schedule consistent with this order. The Court will not permit further delay absent
14 medical opinion to support Plaintiff's prognosis and sufficient justification why the parties
15 cannot proceed. The Court directs the clerk to enter a new case schedule.

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17 Dated this 3rd day of December, 2024.

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22 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
23 United States District Judge
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